

# **Springdale Fire Department**

## **Fire Prevention Division**

### **Residential Fire Safety Checklist Form**

**The following are recommendations to better protect your home from fire and ways to be prepared in case one does occur.**

#### **Smoke Detectors:**

- There should be at least one working smoke detector outside every bedroom area with at least one on every floor of home. It is additionally recommended to place one inside every bedroom which is required in the new fire codes.
- Smoke detectors more than ten years old should be replaced.
- They should be checked for proper operation by pressing the “test” button once a month and batteries changed in them at least once per year. We recommend changing them out when the time changes twice per year.
- It is recommend to install a CO detector if any gas appliances are used in the home.

#### **Heating Appliances:**

- Keep all combustibles at least 3’ from fire places/wood stoves, space heaters, etc.
- Place spark arrestors in front of open fireplaces and on chimney top.
- Recommend getting chimney and heating systems checked.
- Extinguish open fire place fires before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Remove cold fire place ashes in metal container and dispose of away from house.
- Maintain a clearance of at least 18” to furnace and water heaters.

#### **Candles:**

- Keep candles at least 1’ from combustibles.
- Never leave candles burning when leaving home or going to sleep.

#### **Smoking/Fire Starting Material:**

- Store matches/lighters out of reach of children and away from the heat source.

#### **Kitchen Safety:**

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Recommend that resident purchase an ABC fire extinguisher and place near but not in the kitchen.

#### **Fire Escape Planning:**

- Develop a home fire escape plan with outside meeting place and practice with children.